Rao Bahadur Rajasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു തോന്നിട്ടുള്ളതു എന്താണെന്നു ഉത്തരത്തിൽ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടു്. അതിൽ കൂടുതലായി ഒന്നും പറയാൻ നിവർത്തിയില്ല.

Applications under Section 23 of the Irrigation Regulation.

13. ***Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how many applications have been received by the Tahsildars of Ambalapuzha, Changanacherry and Kottayam under Section 23 of the Irrigation Regulation after the passing of that Regulation :

(*b*) in how many cases have the works been carried out by the Government and costs recovered from the defaulting ryots ?

Mr. K. George: (*a*) No separate register is maintained in Taluk Offices to file applications received under Section 23 of the Irrigation Regulation and hence it is not possible to ascertain the correct number of such applications received. On verification of the records available it is reported that these were 2 applications in the Kottayam taluk, 5 in Changanachery and 175 in Ambalapuzha.

(*b*) One.

Need for the appointment of the Director of Public Information.

11. ***Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair:** Will the Government be pleased to state the necessity for the appointment of such an officer as the Director of Public Information with such a pay ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Government have felt the need, in common with other Governments, of a liason officer who will provide a link between the Government on the one side and the newspapars on the other. The Director of Information who is a journalist of considerable experience and talent is fulfilling this useful function. He keeps Government informed of public opinion as reflected in the Press and acts as the agency through which news concerning the activities of Government and their policies is given to the Press.

As the present Director of Information is a journalist of standing, his services could not be obtained for a salary less than the one now paid to him.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether the Director of Public Information translates articles in Malayalam ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: If he does not do it he has got subordinates to attend to that work.

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